

1999 Single Process Initiative Workshop

The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Reform) and Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC) hosted a Single Process Initiative (SPI) Workshop at the Defense Systems Management College campus, Ft. Belvoir VA from July 19-21, 1999. The theme of the conference was "Streamlining the SPI Process. The target audience was the working level SPI community from the Military Services, DLA, DCMC, DCAA, DoD IG, other government agencies, and invited industry representatives

The opening remarks of Rear Admiral Lenn Vincent, Commandant, Defense Systems Management College, Mr. Stan Soloway USD (A&T), and Major General Malishenko, Commander, Defense Contract Management Command clearly framed the purpose and goals of the Workshop. At a senior Service level panel, each member presented his vision of SPI as it related to the top level goals of DoD acquisition reform. The panel then engaged the audience in discussion and answered questions ranging in scope from Civil Military Integration (CMI) to their expectations of the future role of SPI.

Ten focus groups met to address issues in the following subject areas: The goodness (benefits) of SPI; SPI Corporate Councils; To Escalate or Not to Escalate (Concept Paper Approval Conflicts); CTL Roles and Responsibilities; Reprocurement issues; Re-engineering the SPI Process; DCMC Roles and Responsibilities; Regulatory and Statutory Issues; Cost Benefit Analysis; and Subcontractor Issues. Out briefings from the ten focus groups provided recommendations for improvements to SPI, and individually suggested ways to make SPI more efficient.

Overall reaction to the workshop was positive. Many participants cited the presentations and discussions on CMI as the highlights of the workshop because they provided a better understanding of the subject. In addition to the many recommendations that resulted from focus group discussions, the workshop provided a unique opportunity for senior acquisition leaders to engage in a dialogue with working level participants.

For more detailed information on the workshop, including summaries of panel discussions, presentations, and the focus group out briefs, visit the DCMC Web Site [http://www.dcmc.hq.dla.mil/ref_info/spi_conf/presentations.htm].